

nicotine or nicotine compounds with completely or partly identical, similar effects.

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Please replace the second paragraph with the following paragraph:

The object is also obtained by a method for prophylactic or therapeutic treatment of obstructive lung diseases of human beings or animals, wherein said individual is supplied with a nicotine-based substance.

In the claims:

Please cancel all of the claims of the application, namely claims 1-20, and add the following new claims 21-31:

21. (New) A medicament for counteracting obstructive lung disease comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one substance based on nicotine and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant or diluent.

22. (New) The medicament according to claim 1 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of at least one nicotine based substance is supplied via the blood path.

23. (New) The medicament according to claim 1 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of at least one nicotine based substance is administered via the gastrointestinal tract.

24. (New) The medicament according to claim 1 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of at least one nicotine based substance is administered transdermally.

25. (New) The medicament according to claim 1 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of at least one nicotine based substance is administered intravascularly.